

## **REMARKS**

In the office action dated March 10, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 5-8 and 10-18. Applicant has amended claims 5 and 10. The Examiner's comments and rejections are addressed in the order they were presented in the Office Action.

### **The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection**

The Examiner rejected claims 5-8 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. However, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, in light of the amendments.

In particular, the Examiner rejected claim 5 as lacking sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation of "the starting the operation." As such, Applicant has amended independent claim 5 by adding "a" in front of the "starting operation" in line 1 of the claim and deleting "the" in between "starting" and "operation" in line 4 of the claim. With this amendment, Applicant believes that proper antecedents have been included without introducing any new subject matter.

With regard to claim 10, the Examiner rejected it for insufficient antecedent basis for "the detectors" in line 11 of the claim. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 10 by adding "each of" in front of "the detectors" in line 11, which supplies the proper antecedent basis without adding any new subject matter.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes claims 5 and 10 now have sufficient antecedent basis. Since claims 6-8 and 11-18 depend on claims 5 and 10, they too have sufficient antecedent basis. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-4 and 9 but would allow claims 5-8 and 10-18 if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection. In light of the amendments to claims 5 and 10 and the above remarks, Applicant believes claims 5-8 and 10-18 are now allowable and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

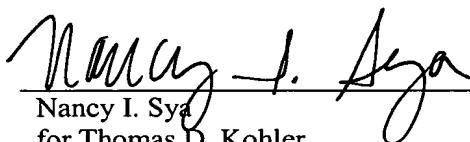
## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0193-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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